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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

An audio signal processing method and apparatus ~~are provided~~ in which the apparatus includes a plurality of digital filters ~~(DF0 to DF_n)~~, each supplied with an audio signal, and a speaker array ~~(10)~~. Outputs from the digital filters ~~DF0 to DF_n~~ are supplied to speakers ~~SP0 to SP_n~~ included in the speaker array ~~(10)~~ to form a sound field. A predetermined delay time is set ~~to be given~~ in each of the digital filters ~~(DF0 to DF_n)~~, to thereby form, in the sound field, a point where the sound pressure is higher than in the surrounding and a point where the sound pressure is lower than in the surrounding. A low-pass filter characteristic is given to the frequency response of the digital filters ~~(DF0 to DF_n)~~. ~~Also,~~ and a pseudo pulse train is used to enhance the setting resolution of the delay time.